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Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4187. (cancelled)

4188. (currently amended): A mixture produced from a hydrocarbon containing formation, comprising:

a non-condensable component comprising hydrocarbons having carbon numbers of less than 5; and

wherein a weight ratio of the hydrocarbons having carbon numbers from 2 through 4 to methane in the non-condensable component is greater than approximately 1; and

a condensable component comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygen containing compounds.

4189. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein about 0.1 % by weight to about 15 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are olefins.

4190. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4188, wherein a molar ratio of ethene to ethane in the non-condensable component ranges from about 0.001 to about 0.15.

4191. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is nitrogen.

4192. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is oxygen.

4193. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygen containing compounds, and wherein the oxygen containing compounds comprise phenols.

4194. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is sulfur.

4195. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein greater than about 20 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are aromatic compounds.

4196. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein less than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises multi-ring aromatics with more than two rings.

4197. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein less than about 0.3 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are asphaltenes.

4198. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise cycloalkanes.

4199. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4188, wherein the non-condensable component comprises molecular hydrogen, wherein the molecular hydrogen is greater than about 10 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and 1 atmosphere absolute pressure, and wherein the molecular hydrogen is less than about 80 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and 1 atmosphere absolute pressure.

4200. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising ammonia, wherein greater than about 0.05 % by weight of the mixture is ammonia.

4201. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising ammonia, wherein at least a portion of the ammonia is used to produce fertilizer.

4202. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further-comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein less than about 15 weight % of the condensable hydrocarbons have a carbon number greater than approximately 25.

4203. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons comprise olefins, and wherein about 0.1 % to about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises olefins.

4204. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons comprise olefins, and wherein about 0.1 % to about 2.5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises olefins.

4205. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4188, further comprising condensable hydrocarbons, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygenated hydrocarbons, and wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises oxygenated hydrocarbons.

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4206. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4188, wherein the non-condensable component comprises H2, and wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the non-condensable component comprises H₂.

4207. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4188, wherein the non-condensable component comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 15 % by weight of the non-condensable component comprises H₂.

4208. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4188, wherein a weight ratio of hydrocarbons having greater than about 2 carbon atoms to methane is greater than about 0.3.

4209. (previously presented): A mixture produced from a hydrocarbon containing formation, comprising:

a non-condensable component comprising hydrocarbons having carbon numbers of less than 5, wherein a weight ratio of hydrocarbons having carbon numbers from 2 through 4 to methane is greater than approximately 1; and

condensable hydrocarbons comprising oxygenated hydrocarbons, wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises oxygenated hydrocarbons.

4210. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein about 0.1 % by weight to about 15 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are olefins.

4211. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein a molar ratio of ethene to ethane in the non-condensable component ranges from about 0.001 to about 0.15.

4212. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is nitrogen.

4213. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is oxygen.

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4214. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is sulfur.

- 4215. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygen containing compounds, and wherein the oxygen containing compounds comprise phenols.
- 4216. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein greater than about 20 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are aromatic compounds.
- 4217. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein less than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises multi-ring aromatics with more than two rings.
- 4218. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein less than about 0.3 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are asphaltenes.
- 4219. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are cycloalkanes.
- 4220. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein the non-condensable component comprises molecular hydrogen, wherein the molecular hydrogen is greater than about 10 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and one atmosphere absolute pressure, and wherein the molecular hydrogen is less than about 80 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and one atmosphere absolute pressure.
- 4221. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein the mixture comprises ammonia, and wherein greater than about 0.05 % by weight of the mixture is ammonia.

4222. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein the mixture comprises ammonia, and wherein at least a portion of the ammonia is used to produce fertilizer.

- 4223. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein less than about 5 weight % of the condensable hydrocarbons in the mixture have a carbon number greater than approximately 25.
- 4224. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise olefins, and wherein about 0.1 % to about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises olefins.
- 4225. (original): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise olefins, and wherein about 0.1 % to about 2.5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises olefins.
- 4226. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein the non-condensable component further comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the non-condensable component comprises H₂.
- 4227. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein the non-condensable component further comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 15 % by weight of the non-condensable component comprises H₂.
- 4228. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4209, wherein a weight ratio of hydrocarbons having greater than about 2 carbon atoms to methane is greater than about 0.3.
- 4229. (currently amended): A mixture produced from a hydrocarbon containing formation, comprising:

a non-condensable component comprising hydrocarbons having carbon numbers of less than 5, wherein a weight ratio of hydrocarbons having carbon numbers from 2 through 4 to methane is greater than approximately 1;

ammonia, wherein greater than about 0.05 % by weight of the mixture is ammonia; condensable hydrocarbons;

wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises nitrogen;

wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises oxygen; and

wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises sulfur.

4230. (cancelled)

4231. (original): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein less than about 5 weight % of the condensable hydrocarbons have a carbon number greater than approximately 25.

4232. (original): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons comprise olefins, and wherein about 0.1 % by weight to about 15 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are olefins.

4233. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein a molar ratio of ethene to ethane in the non-condensable component ranges from about 0.001 to about 0.15.

4234. (original): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygen containing compounds, and wherein the oxygen containing compounds comprise phenols.

4235. (original): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein greater than about 20 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are aromatic compounds.

4236. (original): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein less than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises multi-ring aromatics with more than two rings.

4237. (original): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein less than about 0.3 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are asphaltenes.

4238. (original): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are cycloalkanes.

4239. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein the non-condensable component comprises molecular hydrogen, wherein the molecular hydrogen is greater than about 10 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and one atmosphere absolute pressure, and wherein the molecular hydrogen is less than about 80 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and one atmosphere absolute pressure.

4240. (cancelled)

4241. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4229, further comprising ammonia, and wherein at least a portion of the ammonia is used to produce fertilizer.

4242. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygenated hydrocarbons, and wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygenated hydrocarbons.

4243. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein the non-condensable component comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the non-condensable component comprises H₂.

4244. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein the non-condensable component comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 15 % by weight of the non-condensable component comprises H₂.

4245. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4229, wherein a weight ratio of hydrocarbons having greater than about 2 carbon atoms to methane is greater than about 0.3.

4246. (previously presented): A mixture produced from a hydrocarbon containing formation, comprising:

a non-condensable component comprising hydrocarbons having carbon numbers of less than 5, wherein a weight ratio of hydrocarbons having carbon numbers from 2 through 4 to methane is greater than approximately 1;

ammonia, wherein greater than about 0.5 % by weight of the mixture comprises ammonia; and

condensable hydrocarbons comprising oxygenated hydrocarbons, wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises oxygenated hydrocarbons.

4247. (original): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise olefins, and wherein about 0.1 % by weight to about 15 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are olefins.

4248. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the non-condensable component comprises ethene and ethane, and wherein a molar ratio of ethene to ethane in the non-condensable component ranges from about 0.001 to about 0.15.

4249. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise nitrogen containing compounds, and wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is nitrogen.

4250. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise oxygen containing compounds, and wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is oxygen.

4251. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise sulfur containing compounds, and wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is sulfur.

- 4252. (original): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise oxygen containing compounds, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygen containing compounds, and wherein the oxygen containing compounds comprise phenols.
- 4253. (original): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise aromatic compounds, and wherein greater than about 20 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are aromatic compounds.
- 4254. (original): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise multi-aromatic rings, and wherein less than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises multi-ring aromatics with more than two rings.
- 4255. (original): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise asphaltenes, and wherein less than about 0.3 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are asphaltenes.
- 4256. (original): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise cycloalkanes, and wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are cycloalkanes.
- 4257. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the non-condensable component comprises molecular hydrogen, wherein the molecular hydrogen is greater than about 10 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and one atmosphere absolute pressure, and wherein the molecular hydrogen is less than about 80 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and one atmosphere absolute pressure.

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4258. (original): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the produced mixture further comprises ammonia, and wherein greater than about 0.05 % by weight of the produced mixture is ammonia.

4259. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the produced mixture further comprises ammonia, and wherein at least a portion of the ammonia is used to produce fertilizer.

4260. (original): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons comprise hydrocarbons having a carbon number of greater than approximately 25, and wherein less than about 15 weight % of the hydrocarbons in the mixture have a carbon number greater than approximately 25.

4261. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the non-condensable component comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the non-condensable component comprises H₂.

4262. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the non-condensable component comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 15 % by weight of the non-condensable component comprises H₂.

4263. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4246, wherein the non-condensable component comprises hydrocarbons having carbon numbers of greater than 2, and wherein a weight ratio of hydrocarbons having carbon numbers greater than 2 to methane is greater than about 0.3.

4264. (currently amended): A mixture produced from a hydrocarbon containing formation, comprising:

a non-condensable component comprising hydrocarbons having carbon numbers of less than 5, wherein a weight ratio of hydrocarbons having carbon numbers from 2 through 4 to methane is greater than approximately 1; and

condensable hydrocarbons comprising olefins, wherein less than about 10 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises olefins; and

wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise oxygen containing compounds, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygen containing compounds.

4265. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the non-condensable component comprises ethene and ethane, and wherein a molar ratio of ethene to ethane in the non-condensable component ranges from about 0.001 to about 0.15.

4266. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise nitrogen containing compounds, and wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is nitrogen.

4267. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise oxygen containing compounds, and wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is oxygen.

4268. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise sulfur containing compounds, and wherein less than about 1 % by weight, when calculated on an atomic basis, of the condensable hydrocarbons is sulfur.

4269. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise oxygen containing compounds, wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprise oxygen containing compounds, and wherein the oxygen containing compounds comprise phenols.

4270. (original): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise aromatic compounds, and wherein greater than about 20 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are aromatic compounds.

4271. (original): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise multi-ring aromatics, and wherein less than about 5 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons comprises multi-ring aromatics with more than two rings.

4272. (original): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise asphaltenes, and wherein less than about 0.3 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are asphaltenes.

4273. (original): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise cycloalkanes, and wherein about 5 % by weight to about 30 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons are cycloalkanes.

4274. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the non-condensable component comprises molecular hydrogen, and wherein the molecular hydrogen is greater than about 10 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and one atmosphere absolute pressure, and wherein the molecular hydrogen is less than about 80 % by volume of the non-condensable component at 25 °C and one atmosphere absolute pressure.

4275. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the mixture further comprises ammonia, and wherein greater than about 0.05 % by weight of the mixture is ammonia.

4276. (currently amended): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the mixture further comprises ammonia, and wherein at least a portion of the ammonia is used to produce fertilizer.

4277. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further comprise hydrocarbons having a carbon number of greater than approximately 25, and wherein less than about 15 % by weight of the condensable hydrocarbons have a carbon number greater than approximately 25.

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4278. (original): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein about 0.1 % to about 5 % by weight of

the condensable hydrocarbons comprises olefins.

4279. (original): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein about 0.1% to about 2 % by weight of the

condensable hydrocarbons comprises olefins.

4280. (original): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further

comprise oxygenated hydrocarbons, and wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the

condensable hydrocarbons comprises oxygenated hydrocarbons.

4281. (original): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the condensable hydrocarbons further

comprise oxygenated hydrocarbons, and wherein greater than about 25 % by weight of the

condensable hydrocarbons comprises oxygenated hydrocarbons.

4282. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the non-condensable

component comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 5 % by weight of the non-condensable

component comprises H₂.

4283. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein the non-condensable

component comprises H₂, and wherein greater than about 15 % by weight of the non-condensable

component comprises H₂.

4284. (previously presented): The mixture of claim 4264, wherein a weight ratio of

hydrocarbons having greater than about 2 carbon atoms to methane is greater than about 0.3.

4285-5395. (cancelled)

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